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SUBJECT: POLISH FRESH AND FROZEN MEAT EXPORTS

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1. POLISH EXPORTS OF FRESH AND FROZEN MEAT IN 1973 WERE
AS FOLLOWS, ACCORDING TO POLISH STATISTICS (METRIC TONS):

A) FRESH PORK:

HUNGARY: 2,492

YUGOSLAVIA: 2,144

AUSTRIA: 1,698

FRANCE: 758

SPAIN: 4,915

WEST GERMANY: 2,724

SWITZERLAND: 358

TOTAL: 15,128 TONS; VALUE \$4.6 MILLION EQUIVALENT.

B) FRESH BEEF:

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AUSTRIA: 130

FINLAND: 720
FRANCE: 507
GREECE: 7,772
SPAIN: 868
W.GERMANY: 2,269
SWITZERLAND: 1,680
SWEDEN: 566
ITALY: 15,145
LEBANON: 254

TOTAL: 31,870 VALUE \$62 MILLION EQUIVALENT

C) FRESH VEAL:

AUSTRIA: 1,178
W. GERMANY 10
ITALY: 11

TOTAL: 1,486; VALUE \$3 MILLION EQUIVALENT

D) FRESH HORSEMEAT:

AUSTRIA: 490
BELGIUM: 904
FRANCE: 4,404
NETHERLANDS: 1,443
SWEDEN: 422
ITALY: 1,137

TOTAL: 8,874; VALUE \$10.8 MILLION EQUIVALENT

E) FRESH GAME:

FRANCE: 201
NETHERLANDS: 148
W. GERMANY 108
SWITZERLAND: 48
SWEDEN: 115

TOTAL: 641; VALUE \$2 MILLION EQUIVALENT

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F) RABBIT AND HARE (FRESH AND PRESERVED):

AUSTRIA: 233
BELGIUM: 178
FRANCE: 479
SPAIN: 217
NETHERLANDS: 256

W. GERMANY 3,334
SWITZERLAND: 840
ITALY: 1,528
USA: 185

TOTAL: 7,336; VALUE \$11.2 MILLION EQUIVALENT

G) POULTRY:

USSR: 1,479
FRANCE: 1,283
W. GERMANY 14,310
SWITZERLAND: 240
GREAT BRITAIN: 411
W. BERLIN: 1,527

TOTAL: 19,934; VALUE \$27.6 MILLION EQUIVALENT.

2. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THE USSR IS IMPORTING FROM POLAND NO
SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF FRESH OR FROZEN MEAT, OTHER THAN
POULTRY.

3. THE POLISH GOVERNMENT VIEWS THE EEC IMPORT BAN AS A
VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM, BUT TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE IT
HAS NOT YET DEVELOPED ANY NEW POLICIES FOR DEALING WITH THE
SITUATION. A WELL-PLACED OFFICIAL IN THE MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN TRADE AND MARITIME ECONOMY TOLD US THAT POLAND WAS
INITIALLY SUCCESSFUL IN OVERCOMING THE ITALIAN RESTRICTIONS
ON BEEF IMPORTS, BUT HE SAID THAT THE EEC BAN HAD EFFECTIVELY
ENDED POLISH BEEF SALES TO ALL EEC MEMBER-STATES, INCLUDING
ITALY. THE OFFICIAL SAID POLAND HAS BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN
ATTEMPTS TO FIND NEW MARKETS FOR POLISH BEEF, PARTLY
BECAUSE OF COMPETITION FROM THE EEC ITSELF. ALTHOUGH THE
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BEEF CAN ALWAYS BE SOLD ON THE HOME MARKET, HE SAID, THE LOSS
OF HARD-CURRENCY EXPORT MARKETS IS DIFFICULT TO BEAR. THE
OFFICIAL COMMENTED THAT THE PROBLEM OF THE "BEEF MOUNTAIN"
IS A LONG-TERM ONE. EEC SALES TO THE USSR, HE SAID, AMOUNTED
TO ONLY ABOUT 5,000 TONS AND PROVIDED NO REAL RELIEF.
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